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Industries

27 October 1947

1. A new industrial center is being built at Sumgait, about 60 kms. west of Baku. Steel and iron foundries, some of which have already been completed, employ 5,500 workers, mainly PWs and Soviet civilian internees. Working hours are from 0700 - 1700 hours, and only one shift is worked.
2. Production in one factory consists of bridge girders, railroad lines, and "steel tubing" manufactured from raw materials from the foundries. This factory consists of six large construction sheds, each about 250 meters long. Other plants have thirty-five sheds of similar dimensions under construction.

Comment: [redacted] all PWs engaged here

believe that the "steel tubing" is for armaments.)

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Comment: The Moscow News of 6 August 1947 announced that a tube rolling mill, rapidly taking shape in the Sumgait steppe, will be the country's largest supplier of pipes for oil fields. The article also stated that an iron foundry, an open-hearth department, and rolling mill shops are now under construction.)

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3. German turning lathes transferred from Essen and Duisberg were in use and machinery was being installed.

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4. The railroad car factory at Darnitzza (sic) near Kiev is engaged in the conversion of railroad cars from normal to broad gauge. These railroad cars are mainly booty from the Russian Zone of Germany, although 500 Austrian cars, which were seized in Hungary, have been converted this year. This plant daily converts ten railroad cars to broad gauge.
5. Scrap material resulting from work in the factory is taken by the factory line to a blast furnace 15 km. east of Darnitzza.

Railroads

6. The railroad from Kiev to Rostov was completed in June 1947.

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7. The railroad from Kiev to Lvov has been reconstructed with two broad and one normal gauge lines. This line is used for running railroad cars due for conversion from Germany and Austria to Russia.

Roads and Bridges

8. A concrete road has been completed between Kiev and Bialystok -Minsk.
9. A metal second-class road has been constructed between Kiev and Lvov.
10. There is an asphalt road from Gandzha to Baku.
11. A new road and rail bridge, which spans the Kura River and has a load capacity of 60 tons, was completed in September 1946 at Gandzhavoisk, on the road between Gandzha and Baku. At that time, the rail installation had not been laid, since the railroad from Shusha to Nukha was not completed.

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